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BACK-TO-SCHOOL TAX HOLIDAY STARTS AUGUST 1

The popular Florida Back-To-School Tax Holiday starts on July 24 and runs through midnight, August 1.

"A lot of hard-working taxpayers are struggling this time of year to get their children ready to go back to school," said Speaker Johnnie Byrd. "It should help those who most need it who are in that situation. It also sends an important message about how important families are to this state."

The tax exemptions are for clothing and related items with a sales price of \$50 or less, books with a sales price of \$50 or less and school supplies with a sales price of \$10 or less.

The 2004 Tax-Free Days for Sales Tax will run from 12:01 a.m. on July 24, 2004 through midnight August 1, 2004. This tax holiday is expected to save taxpayers \$29.7 million.

The Department of Revenue (DOR) has developed a Taxpayer Information Publication (TIP) #04A01-05 and a series of Questions and Answers to provide specific information on the Sales Tax Holiday. The Department has also developed an Emergency Rule for the Sales Tax Holiday. Its 2004 Sales Tax Holiday Poster may be downloaded for business use.

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